

Community Grants Report

March 2020



National Orphan Train Complex, Inc, Book Donation Program: Mabel and Elky Ride the Orphan Train Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$1,600, Awarded 8/13/2019

Project Summary: NOTC requests assistance to donate a copy of Mabel and Elky Rider the Orphan Train to libraries and elementary schools located in the 26 counties in North West Kansas.

Use of Funds: Purchase and delivery of Mabel and Elky Ride the Orphan Train to NOTC. Books then sent to 181 school & public libraries, 25 books to two regional CASA Offices in 28 NW KS Counties and 12 copies to six colleges libraries at a cost of \$1,602.19.

Impact & Results: The National Orphan Train Complex (NOTC) is grateful for the CFCC grant which allowed us to share “Mabel and Elky Ride the Orphan Train” with thousands of children across Kansas! Being able to share the book across multiple Kansas counties will help insure a future where all children grow up knowing about this important piece of American history and they will have a greater empathy for children in foster care.

Of the approximately 29,000 children between the ages of five to eleven, in the 28 northwest counties where books were sent, 1,176 are in Out of Home Placements in the state of Kansas. We can only hope they find comfort reading about Mabel and Elky.

National Orphan Train Complex, Inc, Agent Hill and Anna Louise Doherty Statue Base Cloud County Impact Fund, Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$4,000, Awarded 05/29/2019

Project Summary: Construct supportive and decorative base for the custom Agent Hill and Anna Louise Doherty statues at the southwest corner of Lincoln St. (Highway 81) and 6th St. in Concordia, Kansas.



Use of Funds: The grant funds were used to pay for the masonry work and supplies to Cyphers Masonry (Shaun Cyphers). The remaining was paid to LeDuc Memorial for a portion of the stone cap for the base.

Impact & Results: The National Orphan Train Complex, the Riders and descendants we represent are incredibly thankful for the support of the CFCC in creating a beautiful base for Agent Hill and Anna Louise Doherty. The ▶

Annas now greet the thousands of travelers who pass through Concordia each day and beckon them in to visit our special community. Anna Doherty's daughter is especially grateful for her mother's place of honor in our community. She and her family recently donated her mother's childhood dress, shoes, purse from 1917 and first camera to the museum. She stated that she knew they would be safe here. The statues have done more than bring additional visitors to our community, they have created a deeper relationship between the NOTC and the Orphan Train families. Without the CFCC we could not have achieved our dream of honoring the Riders and the Annas at this level!



Concordia First United Methodist Church, Layette Sets for Newborns in Cloud County

Cloud County Public Health Fund, \$1,050, Awarded 8/13/2019

Project Summary: Concordia First United Methodist Church (FUMC) prepares layette sets for newborns in Cloud County that are delivered by the Cloud County Health Department (CCHD) when they perform post partum visits.

Use of Funds: Funds were used to purchase items for Layette Sets.

Impact & Results: Concordia FUMC has assembled layette sets for many years, but wanted to be able to provide more sets to the Cloud County Health Department than we for the past several years. The grant fund helped us to double the number of sets we assembled this year. We held a Sewcial event where 12 volunteers helped to make the blankets used to wrap the items included in the sets. We held our annual Missions Super Sunday event and included assemble of the sets as one of the activities. There were 16 volunteers who helped assemble the sets, including volunteers from the Cloud County Health Department. More than 100 hours of volunteer time helped make the project a success. Each one of the 65 layette sets will touch a family with a newborn in Cloud County! The Cloud County Health Department had delivered the last set they had on hand the week before our assembly event. They report that the handmade blanket, book, and card are the most appreciate parts of the sets. Some of the families receiving these gifts may not have family or friends to hold a shower or provide support when their newborn arrives. The grant funding we received this year helped us to extend our reach into the community and strengthen our partnership with the Cloud County Health Department.

Concordia Rotary Club, Heritage Trail Rest Area

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$3,000, Awarded 8/13/2019

Project Summary: To build a shaded rest area on the south end of the City of Concordia's Heritage Trail walking park.

Use of Funds: The funds were spent to build a shaded rest area for the City of Concordia's Heritage Trail in the development area north of Walmart and east of Cloud County Community College and near the new hospital site.

Impact & Results: The project added a structure to the property that improves the area aesthetically. Furthermore, our goal is to encourage patrons to utilize Heritage Trail for their physical and mental benefits. From young college students to our senior population, this structure, provides patrons a place to rest, to congregate to visit and will shade them from the weather, if need be. We are not confident we would have been able to provide a shade structure if funds from the grant would not have been provided.



OCCK Transportation, North Central Kansas Regional Bike Sharing

Cloud County Public Health Fund, \$800, Awarded 04/25/2019

Project Summary: We are requesting funds to help with the website and marketing materials for the new regional bike sharing program for north central Kansas, part of which will be based in Concordia.

Use of Funds: This funding was specifically used to create a website for the KANcycle Bike Share Program. This website is used to provide the communities with information about the program, how it works, and much more. www.kancycle.org

Impact & Results: This grant has helped us create a website that will inform people of the newest program in North Central Kansas. A bike share program is already benefiting so many people in our rural communities. To date since we have a launched the bike share program almost 400 people have taken a ride on a bike. We are working to promote a healthier community and provide a transportation option for people. Our website helps people learn more about the program, how it works and about the many events we will have throughout the year to promote the bike share program. Without the website, we would not have a way to promote and share our information with people.



Cloud County Community College Foundation, CCCC Ag Facility

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$5,000, Awarded 9/11/2019

Project Summary: The Cloud County Community College (CCCC) Foundation requests \$21,000 in grant funds from the Community Foundation for Cloud County to support the construction of an agriculture facility at CCCC.

Use of Funds: The funds were used to assist in paying for the construction of the new CCCC Ag Facility.

Impact & Results: This building has been two years in the making. It started out as a small pole shed that could house the Precision Ag equipment that was purchased using Dane G. Hansen grant funds. After several conversations with instructors, deans, and Board of Trustees, it became clear that there was need for a much larger facility.

We were told to “go big, or go home.” So the small 20 x 30 shed became a 80 x 100 building that would not only keep the Precision Ag equipment but also donated cows, sheep, and goats that currently didn’t have a home on campus. The groundbreaking ceremony was held October 24, 2019 with the anticipated completion date set for April 2020.



City of Concordia, Downtown Sounds

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$15,000, Awarded 8/13/2019

Project Summary: The City of Concordia, in collaboration with Chamber organizations Business in Motion and Pros of Con, would like to request \$15,000 to help with the purchase of a new wireless speaker system along the four blocks of Concordia’s Business District.

Use of Funds: Assisted in the purchase and installation of the speaker system. ▶



Impact & Results: This was a wonderful project that gave new life to downtown Concordia. We cannot thank you enough for giving us the boost we needed to get this project done. It also inspired others in the community to give to the project. The committee that was established to work on this project were all volunteers. It was a great project for the community to see that there are individuals in Concordia who truly care about the community, and the group hopes to see an increase in volunteerism as a result of this project.